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Carnahan Urges House Colleagues to Continue Work to Get People Back To Work, Build Long-Term Economic Strength

(WASHINGTON, DC) - The U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee released its monthly state-by-state report showing progress with new jobs created and decreasing unemployment in Missouri. The report, which is based on economic data through April 2010, indicates that investments made through the Recovery Act have boosted employment in Missouri by 55,000 jobs through the 1st quarter of 2010, and that the state is faring better than the national average based on unemployment and job growth.

"The failed economic policies of the Bush administration have seriously harmed Missouri families, and we're not going to get out of this recession overnight," said Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3).

"But there is little doubt that Missouri is on the road to recovery. Now is not the time to reverse direction."

Russ Carnahan has made job creation a priority. In February he released a comprehensive regional economic action plan based on dozens of meetings with local business and community leaders. The jobs plan creates a roadmap for job growth and economic development and is regularly updated to reflect progress made in key areas.

"People are still struggling to find work and make ends meet," said Carnahan. **"This is no time to play politics."**

We need to set aside partisan bickering and look for real solutions that will get people back to work and build our economy."

Carnahan urged his colleagues in the House of Representatives to quickly approve America COMPETES, a key innovation jobs bill that would strengthen U.S. scientific and economic

leadership, support employers, and create jobs in the short- and long-term through investments in science, innovation, and education. Republican House members have blocked the bill, despite their past support of similar legislation and support by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and universities like the University of Missouri System and Washington University in St. Louis.

"America has been at the forefront of every technological innovation of the last century and most of our jobs since World War II have been created by new technology and innovation," Carnahan said. "We can't let partisan politics hold us back while countries like China and India invent, build, and sell us the technology that will power the next century. Ensuring that the U.S. competes globally is a common-sense way of creating jobs."

For the full Joint Economic Committee report released today, [visit here](#) .

For Russ Carnahan's Regional Economic Action Plan [visit here](#) .

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